



Fitch IV
John and Belle Fitch
And Descendants
Book of Betty L. Fitch



FITCH BOOK V John & Belle, Otis & Esther, our families

Maps, Perry Township and Cedar Creek Township

Photos of John and Belle and family Some of Grace's photo collection

House on 327 they lived in, across from Nathaniel's homestead

John Fitch's handwritten will John and Belle photos, funeral notice

Garrett Class of 22.....Otis Otis.....Funeral

More Photos of Grace's collection Things owned by Belle that are still around Bowser and Hursh and Fitch School photos

Otis Fitch, photos
Map, Butler Township, DeKalb Co., IN
35th wedding anniversary of Esther and Otis
Birth and Death Certificates of Otis
Photos, Otis, Esther and the kids
Elsie and family photos
Maxine and family photos
Warren and family photos
Our Wedding trip and first home stories

Cathy's family Carol's family John's family Larry's family

Esther in front of home in Garrett
Esther quilting at home
Esther at Millers
Esther and Eunice Zehr and Carolyn Davis



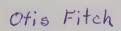


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John Fitch 1872-1947

Belle R. Hollopeter Colling wood, Ind. (?) Wife of John Fitch 1874-1953





Belle And John Fitch





The William Hollopeter Family
Belle's family

Belle & John Otis

Belle's family

Wm. C. Hollopeter - father 1833-1913

Cynthia A. Moore - mother 1839-1915

Milton R - deceased at 15, the same year Belle was born 1859-1874

Uncle Charlie" - Charles McPherson - married Nellie Daniels

Ophelia May - married John Carnahan

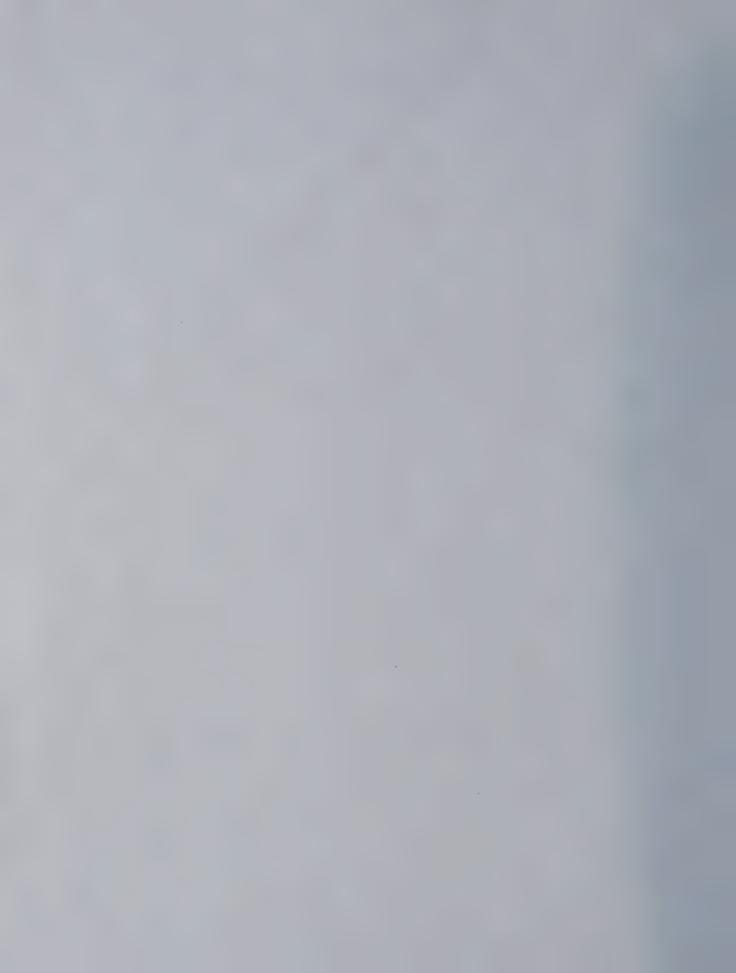
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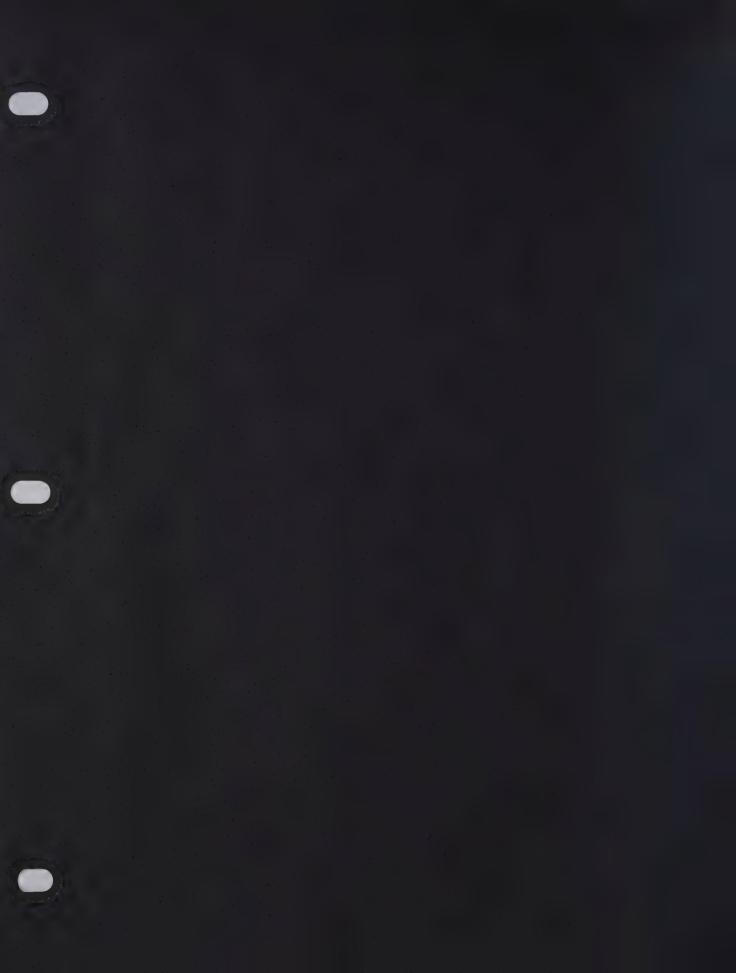


Belle + John Fitch

In case any thing should happen to me I am writing This as part of my wish which I think would be of some benifit to you. I believe it would be best to keip the favor until pucs are better for fam land. you could sell off truber that is matured and that will help to Josey the toper and often expensely if it does not make enough I believe it would be best to bell it by the thousand Then there is the gravel which will be worth a great deal sometime, Be caugal what fourt of deal you make I before it would be fest to sell it by the fand. and whatever for do do not get to Guarding among four selber as my folls have a good thing and something that will make you do Income for years to consist perfuly muged and for do not get into trouble over it. for can each give in a little and much a set that the is good for all. Johne Bitely











ALLEN COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

HATCHERY DIVISION

FARM BUREAU CHICKS · 2207 Spy Run Avenue
Phone - Anthony 6210
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

New Haven, Indiana Phone - - 3783



November 26, 1937

John B. Fitch, R. R. 1. Huntertown, Ind.

Dear Cooperator:

Enclosed please find stock certificate number 673 for 1 share of preferred common stock which you purchased in order that a new warehouse for your association could be built.

You will be interested to know that the warehouse will be completed and ready to move into by December 1st.

We sincerely invite, and urge you to come and see the new warehouse which is located at the same location as the Bulk Plant. If you are not so well acquainted in New Haven you will find the warehouse just west of the Levy Grain Elevator on Mourey Street.

Whenever you are in need of petroleum products, feed, fence, fertilizer, coal, paints, seeds and other farm supplies, remember your co-operative first. Tell the story to your neighbors and get them to join the co-operative. This will in turn increase the volume of sales as well as the net savings of your association.

Thanking you for your cooperation and hoping to see you soon, we remain,

Very truly yours,

ALLEN COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE ASS'N. INC.

M. L. Habegger, Treasurer

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Number 670 Incorporated under the Laws of the State of Indiana County Farm Bureau Co-Operative Association, Ind AUTHORIZED CAPITAL STOCK PREFERRED: shares, par value, \$25.00 \$ shares, par value, \$ 5.00 This certifies that (\$5.00) each, of the common capital stock of the County Farm Burcau Co-operative Association, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Indiana; such shares being transferable only on the books of the corporation in person or by attorney, in accordance with the by-laws of the corporation, and on surrender of this certificate duly endorsed. Only such person, firm or corporation, as is engaged in the production of agricultural products to be handled by or through this corporation or such association as is organized or brought under the Indiana Co-operative Marketing Act, can be a holder of common stock in this corporation; the rights of the holder sociation as is organized or prought under the Indiana Co-operative Marketing Act, can be a holder of common stock in this corporation; the rights of the holder of said shares are limited as to holding, transferring, voting, receiving dividends, entering business in competition with the corporation, etc., by the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the corporation to which the holder and prospective holder of such shares is referred for further information.

No one stockholder shall hold more than one-eleventh of the total issued and outstanding shares, of the common capital stock of this corporation.

Each holder of common stock of this corporation is entitled to one and only one vote on any question or measure in any stockholders' meeting, regardless of the number of shares owned, and must vote in person; any stockholder that is an organization may vote in person through its representative duly authorized Any stockholder, desiring to dispose of any of or all his shares of the common stock of this corporation shall first notify in writing this corporation of such desire. Thereafter, the corporation shall have at least 30 days and until the next date for distributing patronage-dividends within which to make such stockholder an offer of the par value of such shares; upon such offer, within such time, the stockholder shall assign and transfer such shares as directed by this corporation's board of directors, and will then receive said par value. If no such offer is made within such time, the stockholder may sell, assign and transfer such shares to any person, firm or corporation entitled to hold such common stock.

Any stockholder, owning common stock of this corporation, who ceases to co-operate with this corporation, or to do business with it for a period of one year or more, or who shall compete with it, or act prejudicial to it, or who shall become insolvent or be placed in the hands of a receiver, may, upon a majority vote of the holders of common stock, have his shares of common stock purchased at par value by this corporation, at the option of this corporation's board of directors.

The dividends payable upon common stock shall be only such as are lawfully declared by the board of directors and shall not exceed six per centum (6%) of the par value thereof, in any one year. The rights of the holders of common stock in the assets and income of the corporation are as set forth in the by-laws. The shares represented by this certificate have been fully paid for before this certificate is issued, and the same are not assessable for any liabilities or demands of this corporation. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this corporation has caused this certificate to be signed in its name by its proper officers and its corporate sent to be herete affixed this

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Belle Hollopeter Fitch



1923



Paul Carnahan Manilla Dammon Grace Fitch

Paul + Grace were Cousins on the Hollopeter side



House on Fitch Road
We lived here 1950-52



otis + his rabbits









Mathias Fitch





John, Belle,









Photo of Nathaniel



Bob Fitch on Graduation Day at West Point, June 5, 1951 Holding his diploma



Belle Fitch

Taken at Belle's house during a visit from the Merlin Fitch's from Washington, State





Office Fallen .. weighed 13 lbs when boren









Otis Fitch and the cows





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THE CLASS OF 1922



FIRST ROW:—Left to right—Marion Hoyles, Bernard Fouch, Otis Fitch, Lloyd Davidson, Oscar Fitch, James Stack, Dale Harvey, Randall Witherspoon, Gerald Haver.

SECOND ROW:—Jesse Ober, Lewis Briner, Everett Peck, Fern Menges, Helen Ott, Mary Yarde, Ethel Sherman, Ruth Gerhum, Kenneth Martin, Paul Cree.

THIRD ROW:—Cecil Miller, Leah Harriger, Amelia Dirr, Valera Lung, Lois White, Eunice Guthrie, Margaret Echart, Ruth Rang, Hazel Dickson, Kathryn Smith, Maynard Hall.

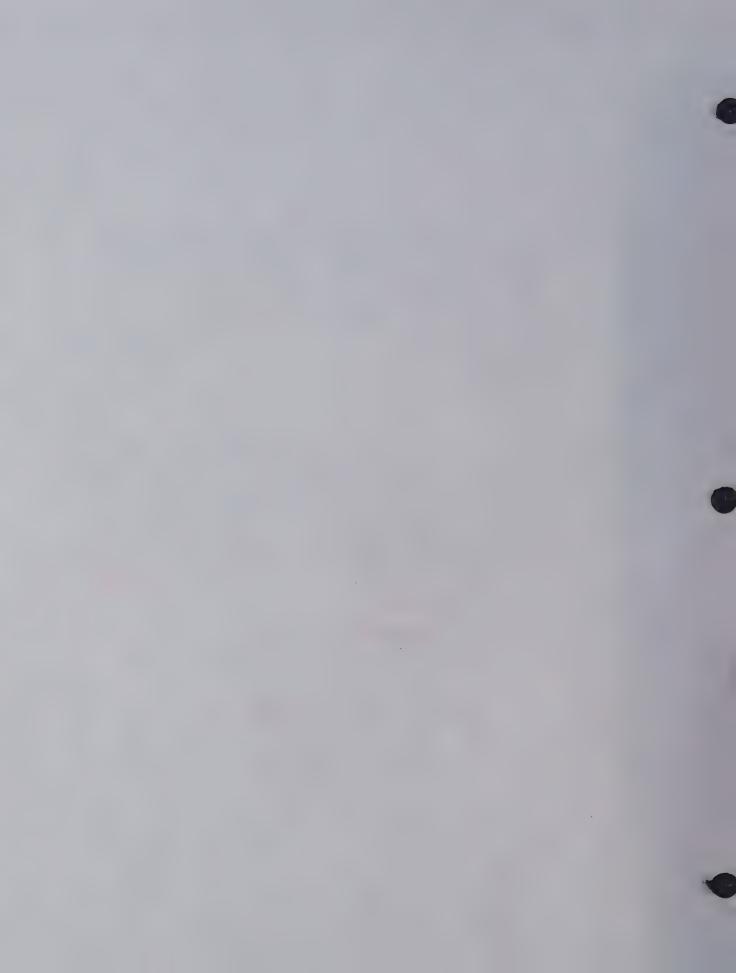
FOURTH ROW:—Lucille Elam, Lucille Elson, Lillian Heinzerling, Francis Caffery, Kathryn Patterson, Sadie Haynes, Elizabeth Kell, Thelma Appelgate, Jeanette Imler, Helen Lantz.

FIFTH ROW—Glenn Steward, Maurice Klingler, Harold Aldridge, Harlan Moore, John Pierce, Carl Geiser, Clare VanAman, Walter Rosenberry, Merrille Miller.

COLORS-Maroon and Gold.

MOTTO-"Success."

FLOWER-Red Rose.





Belle and John Fitch

at home on the corner of Highway 27 and allen-De Kalle county line.



Belle and John Fitch









CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

DeKalb County Teachers' Association.

Haberles Ind., Nov. 27 1897

This is to certify that Belle Hoallo peter

is an * Active member of this Association.

Harris J. Provines, President Harriet Smith Secretary

*Active or Honorary
IN PLACE OF BLANK, AS CASE MAY BE.



Belle Fitch and grand children

Warren Fitch, John Capee, Elsie Fitch





THE FITCH MILL

This mill and the Manning Mill at Hamilton(Leo) both began operations in the year 1840 and quit business in 1908, a record of 68 years of continuous operation, being exceeded only by Stoner's mill, which operated continuously for 76 years, the 1 tter holding the record for the county.

Harry Fair erected a carding mill on Little Cedar Creek in 1840.
Little Cedar is a tributary of Big Cedar Creek, and the waters of the two streams merce in Perry Township about three quarters of a mile south of the DeKalb County line. The mill stood on the left bank of the stream, a short distance above its mouth, in the Northeast quarter of section 4.

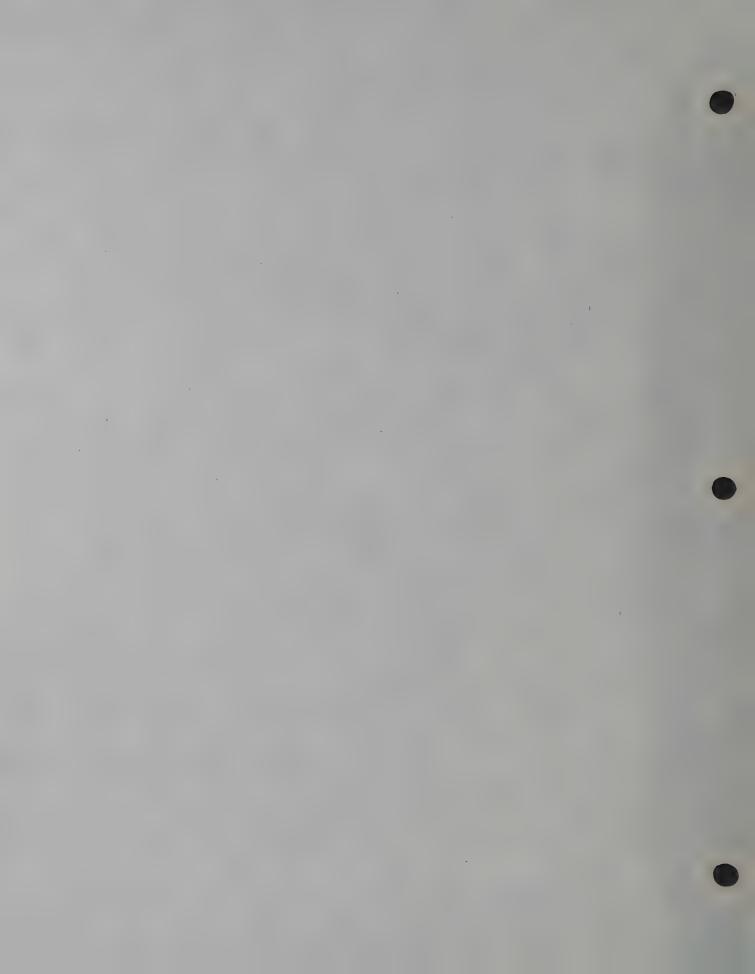
The dam, about 65 feet in length and 4 feet in height, was situated in DeKalb County, about one mile upstream from the mill. The will race serving this mill was the longest of any of the county.

The building was two stories in height and 40 at 20 feet in size. It was powered by an over-shot wheel. The mill was moved downstream and the race lengthened, after trouble developed with the water supply. Shortly after the mill was built it was purchased by Wathaniel Fitch, who erected a saw mill adjacent to the carding mill.

The sew mill was a one-story building 60 % 20 feet. Its equipment consisted of an unright sow, which was later re-laced by a circular saw, and a 6-foot turbine wheel which remains on the site today.

The carding mill was abandoned about 1869 or 1870 and the saw mill was afterward operated by Mathias Fitch, son of Nathaniel, who installed a feed-orinder and continued the mill's operation until its abandonment in 1908. The carding will building is now serving as a stock barn on the farm of John Fitch, who has given us the above information. A portion of the saw mill fell down and the remainder was dismantled.

The above account was taken from "THE ... T.A-POWERED MILLS OF ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA" Feb. 1942







This house on Highway 27 we think was where Otis, Maurice, and Grace were raised as children. It is across the road from Nathaniel's homestead. Jake Kell said they grew up here. It used to be level with the road and 27 then did not go straight but skirted the ravine.

From here they must have moved to the house on the Fitch Road.



After just having a visit with Jake Kell and Ann Lyons I want to add some new information.

Jake was saying that in the kids gradeschool years, Grace, Maurice, and Otis went to School #2, Perry Township, and it wasn't until they were older than Belle and John moved into their home on the County Line Road and 427. Before that when the kids were going to School #2 they were living in an old farmhouse that is right across the road from the Fitch lane that goes back to Nathaniel's house. So I went by the house and it is still there. Must go get a photo of it. He thinks that at one time they may have also lived in the house we lived in when we were first married, but is not really sure. But knows they grew up across the road from Nathaniel's. At that time the road, 427 wound around past the farm of Nathaniel and by his house and Jake said that the land to this old house was level at that time. When they cut the road they dug down and now the house seems to be sitting on a high hill. But then the house, the road, and all was just level. It was probably cut down gradually because the drop to the creek bed was pretty steep at that point. Probably that was the reason the road followed around by Nathaniel's house as that was the more level route.

From the tales that Jake tells, he is lucky to still be alive! At one time he got his pant caught in a conveyor belt, at the grain elevator, I believe, and they were torn right off him and minced up into little pieces! Another time he backed into a circular buzz saw and that could have been a tragedy. He said his horse got scared and he fell off right in front of him, but the horse missed him or he would have been squashed. One other time he said he got a piece of clothing caught in some machinery and the clothing came off, but he was not hurt. Sounds like Someone was looking out for him!



FUNERAL FOR JOHN B. FITCH.
74. WILL BE HELD SUNDAY

John Byron Fitch, 74, of Allen county, who lived six miles south of Garrett near the DeKalb county line, died of paralysis at his home Thursday at 2:30 p. m. He had suffered a stroke of paralysis two and a half years ago and had suffered three other strokes since that time,

The body was taken to the George W. Her mortuary in Garrett and it will be returned to the residence Saturday morning. Final rites will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at Cedar Charle Methodist church, the Rev. Harley Davis of Fort Wayne officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Chapel cemetery.

Mr. Fitch was born June 23, 1872, in Allen county, Perry township, near his present home. He was a farmer all his life. He and Belle Hollopeter of Allen county were married March 17, 1898.

Surviving besides the widow are two sons. Morris of Huntertown and Otis, who lives two miles west of the parental home in DeKalb county; a daughter, Mrs. Grace Cople of Kimmell: one brother, Schuyler, of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Leaycroft of Los Angeles, Cal., and seven grandchildren.

* Internal Revenue Collector
* Nigel Campbell says his office
* received its first communication
* from "Z-Y-X-W" seven years
* ago. It was a blank return ac* companied by \$300 and a note
* which said: "I owe this to the
* government:"

* Each year since then as the

* March deadline approached,

* "Z-Y-X-W" has sent a blank re
* turn. And the amount accom
* panying it has grown steadily.

* This year the envelope con-

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* tained a note which said: "This * year I'm sending more money. * I'm sending \$1,700." Campbell * already has received more than * \$1,000.

* Campbell says "Z-Y-X-W" * may be in an illegal business. * But, whoever he is, his con-

science is bothering him.

KIDNAPED BABY BOY SPURNS ITS MOTHER AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Toledo, O., Feb. 20.—Baby Donnie Waltman, back in his mother's arms for the first time in eight months, spurned the mother today and cried instead for the woman accused of kidnaping him.

The child's mother, Mrs. Virginia

HEART ATTACK BLAMED FOR DEATH OF MRS. BELLE FITCH

Final rites were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Cedar Chapel Methodist church, southeast of Garrett, for Mrs. Belle Fitch, 78, who resided just south of the DeKalb-Allen county line on U. S. Highway No. 27. Rev. Everett McLeland officiated and burial followed in the church cemetery.

The body was at the Zimmerman funeral home in Garrett until noon Sunday, when it was removed to the church to lie in state until the services.

Mrs. Fitch, who lived alone, had been in fair health. Thursday morning at 8 o'clock Cecil Myers, the tenant farmer who lives nearby, went to see if Mrs. Fitch was all right. He was unable to gain entrance to the house or arouse anyone. He summoned a cousin, Miss Gladys Fitch, who lives nearby, and together with his wife and daughter, Marilyn, they returned to Mrs. Fitch's home. They cut a hole in a screen and Marilyn crawled through and unlocked the door. They found Mrs. Fitch dead in bed, a victim of a heart attack.

Mrs. Fitch was born May 29, 1874, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Hollopeter. She was a lifelong resident of Allen county and when a young lady taught in the DeKalb and Allen county schools. She and John Fitch were married March 17, 1898, and he died in February, 1947.

Surviving are two sons, Otis

Surviving are two sons, Otis Fitch of southwest of Garrett and Maurice Fitch of Huntertown; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Caple of Cromwell; one sister, Mrs. Grace Rundles of Hudson; seven grand-children Mrs. Harry Wert and Mrs. A. G. Houser of Garrett were cousins of the deceased woman.

Mrs. Fitch was a member of the Cedar Chapel Methodist church, Women's Society of Christian service, Ladies Aid and was a teacher for many years of the Adult Sunday School class. his boyhood, was the first state in line, though her float was to come later in the "Life of Eisen-hower" section.

Washington once more crossed the Delaware in the New Jersey

display.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey took the bows for the New York contingent, which included a float bearing the legend, "New York Welcomes Ike Again." The float centered around a big Eisenhower head, slowly turning from side to side. Vermont's, based on a boast the state has never gone Democratic,

state has never gone Democrashowed a sphere bearing legend: "The Atom that N

Was Split."

Indiana sent along 57 handsome young men in top hats, no matter what Mr. Eisenhower wore. They were members of the Purdue Glee Club.

Abe Lincoln rode the Illinois float, beard flying in the breeze from the rear of an 1865 railroad

observation car.

The "Gateway to the West," a big symbolic arch, moved from Capitol to White House on a float supplied by Missouri, ex-President Truman's home state.

Michigan's float carried a giant globe, surrounded by huge gear symbolic of Detroit's auto incogs,

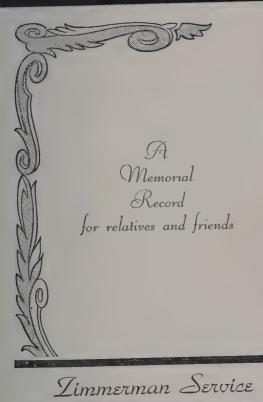
dustry.

Next came the "Life of President Eisenhower," in 10 easy lessons.

Texas provided the first. A doll house replica of his Denison birth place.

Kansas had a float labeled "Eisenhower's Boyhood," on which a lad of 14 romped through Kansas wheat fields toward a distant lad of 14 romped through Kansas wheat fields toward a distant White House. There was a float bearing a picture of the Abilene creamery where young Ike used to work and a live girl milking a paper cow. Other chapters depicted Mr. Eisenhower at West Point, his marriage to Mamie at Denver 36 years ago and his "Crusade in Europe" as the Allied supreme commander in World War II.

The dairy industry, the Cook



The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou are with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

In Memory Of MRS. BELLE FITCH

*Born*May 29, 1874

Entered Into Rest January 15, 1953

Services From
Cedar Chapel Methodist Church
Sunday—2:00 P. M.

Officiating
Rev. Everett McLeland

 ${\it Interment} \\ {\it Cedar Chapel Cemetery} \\$

APPRECIATION . . .

On behalf of the family, we wish to express appreciation for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the service.

ZIMMERMAN FUNERAL HOME Mr. and Mrs. Forrest D. Zimmerman

Those who came to Belle's funeral that I can recognize and identify. Many more came that I cannot.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rundle

Mrs. Rundle is the younger sister of Belle, named Grace

Effie Gump, Marie Thrush, and Mildred Evard:

All teachers at Garrett High School. Would have been Maxine's teachers as well as Good neighbors and friends

Bertha and Cecil Myers

Lived on the Fitch Road and rented and farmed John and Belle's farm for many years Our nearest neighbors when we lived in Belle's rental house across the road

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sinders

They lived just west of Otis and Esther at the curve beyond the Lothamers and Pepples. The road is just south of Otis's, goes west, then curves toward the north Ends up at the Kelham home on Rd. 68

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fulk and Karen Marie Granddaughter and daughter of Otis Fitch

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Warner

A niece of Belle's. Belle's brother's Charlie had a daughter named Mary who Married Ford L. Warner.

Marguerite Wert

Daughter of Amos Fitch, and a cousin-in-law to Belle

Marie and Arthur Houser

Sister to Marguerite, above.

Walter and Luella Hursh

Probably just neighbors. At first I thought they might be relation of Frances Hursh Doll, but if so I don't have the connection.

Mrs. and Mrs. Loyal Grogg

Neighbors and friends

He was a township assessor as Belle and John had been in earlier days.

Carrie and Francis Fitch

Carrie was the wife of Frank Fitch of the Perry Fitch family. Carrie was originally of the DeLong family coming down from Solomon DeLong. Though I believe she was a daughter of a 2nd wife of one of Solomon's sons and DeLong would have been her adopted name. Nevertheless, the daughter Josephine Francis had a Fitch father so was related. Her grandmother would have been Josephine Thomas who married into the DeLong family. And believe the DeLong son was Francis.....consequently the name of "Josephine Francis" with an "I".

Pearl Gladbach

Pearl was a daughter of Perry Fitch, whose family farm was also just over the county Line in DeKalb County. Kids.....remember this big brick house we tried to rent??

Mrs. George Wyatt

From Garrett and had been Floretta May Fitch, daughter of Bert Centenniel Fitch

Mrs. Alpha Myers

This is the mother of Cecil Myers as noted above, rented Belle's farm.

Manila Damman

Manila was a sister to Bertha, wife of the above Cecil.

Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Hilkey and children

Neighbors and friends and probably fellow-church-goers.

Mrs. and Mrs. Russell Kelham

Mrs. Kelham was of the Fitch family. She was Barbara Ann McComb who came down through the Harvey Fitch family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Thrush

Friends and neighbors to Otis and Esther (and the Browns when we lived on the farm.) "Lamonna and Ambrose"

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thrush

Albert was a twin brother to Amborse, above. "Dorothy and Albert"

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lothamer and family. Near neighbors to Otis and Esther.

Mrs. and Mrs. Lafe Smith

I believe these are just friends and not any relation, but they were good friend and I o often heard much of Ruby and Lafe and of course met them many times as they were also good friends of Otis and Esther and visited often. Prob. name was Lafayette.

Mrs. and Mrs. Richard Ober

Maxine Fitch and Dick Ober, granddaughter of Belle's and Warren's sister. Dick sang at the funeral.

Miss Phyllis Grogg

Phyllis was a school companion of Maxine, Elsie and Warren. She rode the bus with them when they all went to Spencerville school. And it was to her house that they walked to catch the bus to school. It was about a mile and a guarter walk each way.

Rolland H. Fitch

Son of Amos Fitch, and brother to Marguerite, Marie, and Gladys. Amos's family Home was just down the county line from Belle's place. Belle and John lived in Allen County and Amos lived in DeKalb.

J. S. Heffelfinger......John Sherman whose wife was Anna L. Hollopeter, daughter of Isreal Hollopeter and Jemima. She would have been a distant cousin to Belle, but also probably a neighbor.

Many more of the names I recognize as neighbors and friends but have little information just where they fit in except probably as neighbors or folks going to church with Belle. Belle went just down the road to the Cedar Chapel Church which was of Methodist persuasion at the time.

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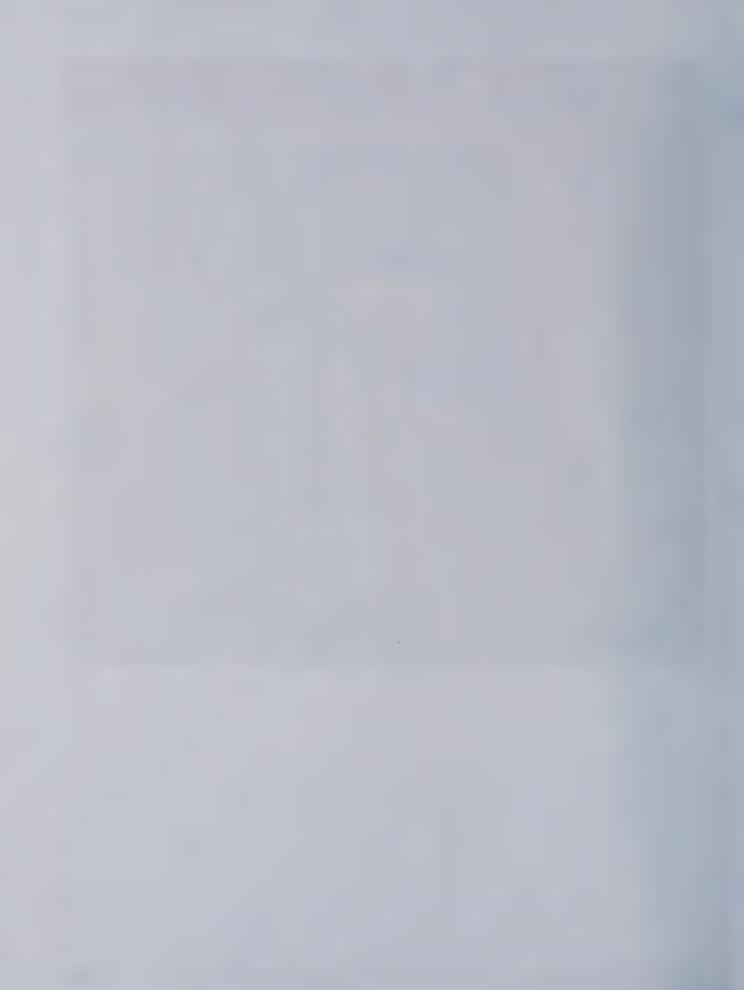
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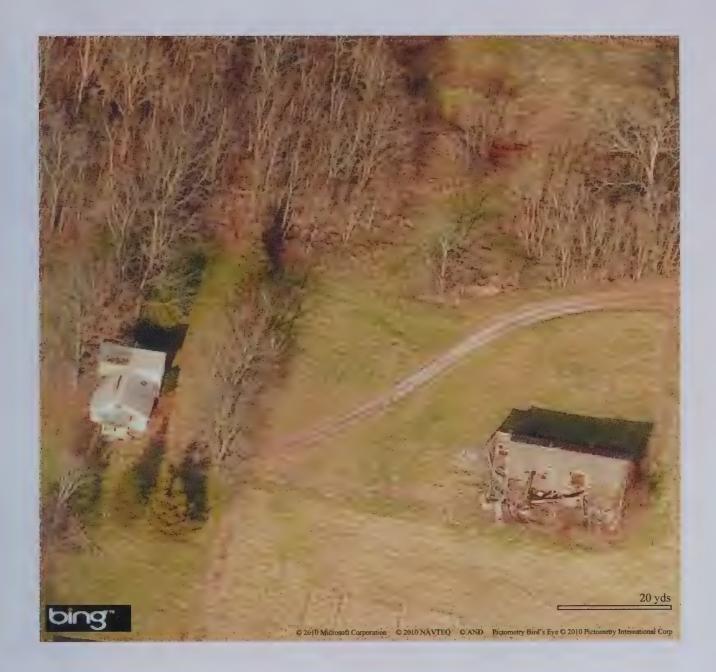
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This property is at the corner of Coldwater Road and the North County Line Road between This was the last home of John and Belle Fitch. At one time Allen and DeKalb Counties. there were 30 acres on this property and it was directly across the road from all the other land that Grandpa John Fitch owned. We can find 3 homes that John and Belle lived in after they were married and this would have been the third one. Their first home was across Coldwater from the Nathaniel Fitch farm. Grace and Maurice were born at this home. I am not sure where Otis was born. Then the next that we know about was the little house we lived in on Fitch Road. Otis was about 14 or so when they lived there and we see that Grace and Maurice were young folks in their late teens or early 20's. Before Grace was married they moved into this house on Coldwater/Highway 27. The house is the same house, but I am not sure if the barn that is there now was original or a later addition. I don't think John really farmed as much as he did work with logging and wood. Belle had chickens because she sold eggs, and think she sold butter also, so they probably had some cows. huge barn on the Mathias Fitch home, John probably didn't need a large barn at this place.





This is Nathaniel's homestead house and barn. Probably taken about 2006, it was in a pretty sad state at that time. The last time we saw it, it was ruined completely with holes in the roof and all the windows broken. It burned to the ground about 2008 or 2009. Although we might think the back section was added on many years later, it seems not to be the case and most of it must have been built not much later than the front section of the house. In the back part we have the kitchen and the fireplace wall of stone where they did the cooking and the weaving room where Nathaniel wove coverlets. The north section contained the living room and the some of the bedrooms. The house must have been built about 1850+, though I think that the family history mentions which was the first child born in the new house. The rest had been born in the earlier cabin.



Elsie, WARREN, MAxine & Mom

1990



Esther's 90th birthday





GRACE Fitch Cousins

There's Otis too!



Otis Fitch





John Fitch



Gladys Fitch (?) Elsie at the John Fitch's



In the front row on the right side is Walter Fitch, son of Mathian, brother of John. He died at 28 years old of preumonia.



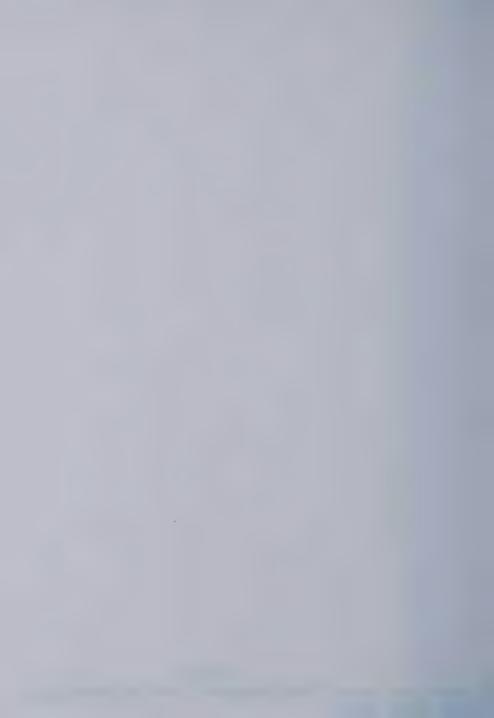
Grace and Maurice Fitch daughter and son of John & Belle Fitch







I believe the house in the background was our first home on the Fitch Road













Same house - later

Belle and John





At the John Fitch home on Road 27

GRACE Fitch





Paul Carnahan, cousin Manila Dammon Grace Fitch

































GRACENERICE

School photo taken by Frank Fitch books like the Fitch School, Shoaff Rd.

GRACE



A few years later. Perry Township #2

Maurice Fitch in front - Teacher Miss Swain

and Row: Jake Kell beside a behind Eliz. Kell with glasses

Carolyn Kell either on right side or left side

Lowie Crowder with ear flaps



Fitch School on the Shoaff Rd



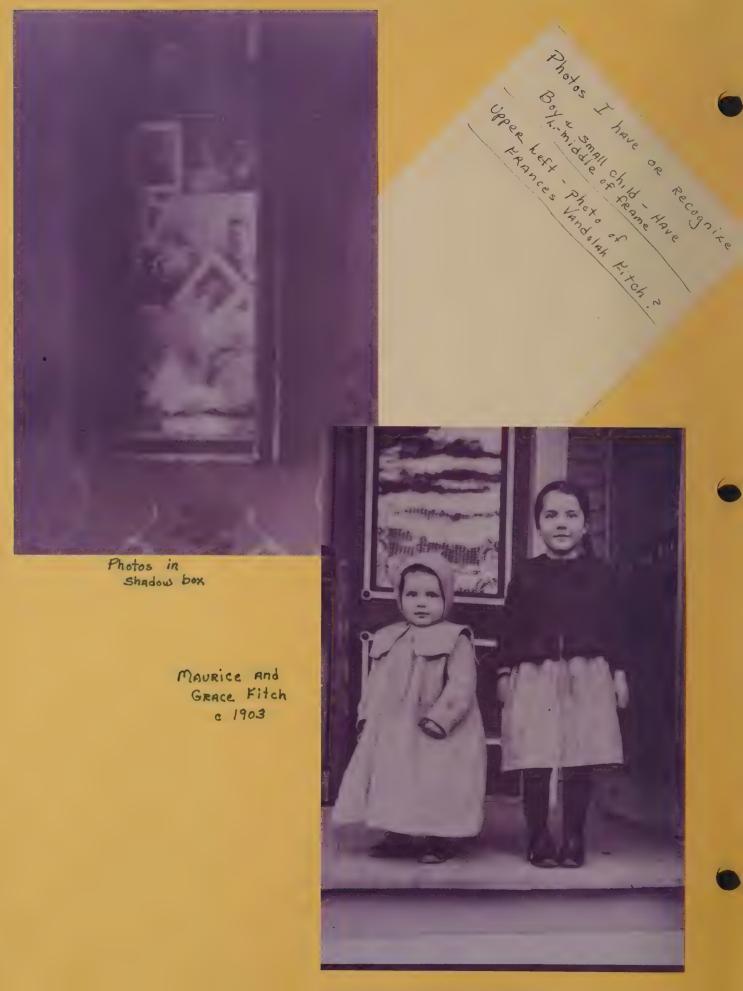
Belle Fitch and her cats



Maurice Fitch and sister, Grace

children of John + Belle Fitch











GRACE Fitch on an early
Aeroplane
Perry Township
Allen Co., IN
About 1917

GRACE, left





GRACE Fitch c. 1920

dau. John + Belle

gr. dau. Mathias + Frances

Brothers are Maurice + Otis





GRACE Fitch on horse-drawn road grader



Grace Fitch (Right) in buggy



GRACE Fitch with school children. She was a teacher



GARCE & friends

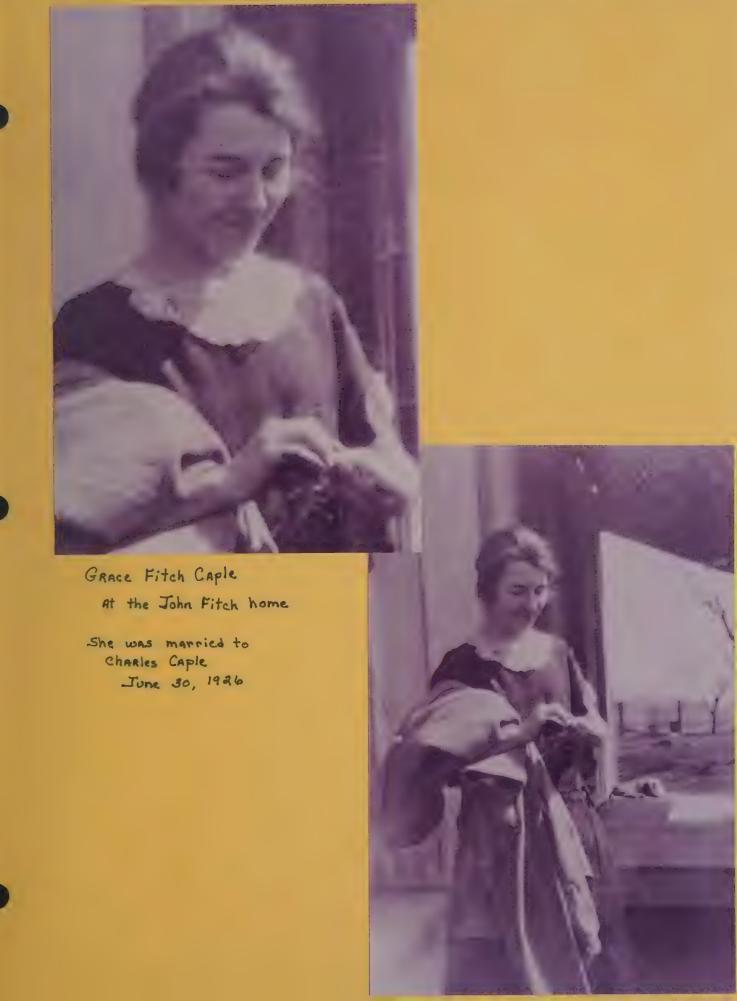


GAACE Fitch (left)



A gladiolus field







GRACE Fitch Caple



GRACE And Charles

Sept 1945



These items on the fireplace belonged to Belle and John Fitch.

the eron pot the stoneware crock and jug

The pitcher the sad iron two Japanese dishes the mantel clock





The Walnut spool holder the coffee put the stoneware jug



Lamps belonging to Belle Fitch Vienna Dall







I have most of the books.

This bookcase belonged to John and Belle Fitch Made by Carnahan

Maxine has this



- FISK, ROE L. r. Richmond, Ind. a. 29 c. w occ. clerk b. Bryan, Ind. f. James L. Fisk m. Grace Murdick no.m. 1 d. June 26, 1926 p. FW by C. B. Coxall sp. Blanch Whiteman
- FITCH, GRACE r. Huntertown a. 28 c. w b. Huntertown f. John B. Fitch m. Belle Hollipeter no.m. 1 d. June 30, 1926 p. Huntertown, Ind. by Noah E. Smith sp. Charles A. Caple
- FITCH, MAURICE r. FW a. 25 c. w occ. enemeler b. Huntertown f. John Fitch m. Belle Hollopter n.m. 1 d. June 19, 1926 p. FW by Wm. W. Moberly sp. Lois M. Eyerley
- FITCH, ROLLAND r. FW a. 47 c. w occ. auto dist. b. Huntertown f. amos Fitch m. Nancy E. Hunter no.m. 1 d. Nov. 27, 1930 p. FW by A. J. Folsom sp. Margaret H. Gutermuth
- FITCH, VERNA r. FW a. 23 c. w b. FW f. Velsey D. Fitch m. Artie Otto no.m. 1 d. Aug. 30, 1927 p. FW by H. R. Carson sp. Burl LeRoy Smith
- f. Wm. Fitzgerald m. Mary Cunningham no.m. 1 d. July 15, 1926 p. FW by Robt. Halpin sp. Juanita Derwie
- FITZGERALD, JOHN A. r. FW a. 20 c. w occ. book keeper b. Garrett, Ind. f. john Fitzgerald m. Myrtle Bellinger no.m. 1 d. July 26, 1927 p. FW by J. C. Keating sp. Phyllis O'Brien
- FIX, MARTHA E. r. FW a. 18 c. w b. Wells Co., Ind. f. Chas. H. Fix m. Anna Penrod no.m. 1 d. Oct. 5, 1929 p. Portland, Ind. by J. M. Kestler sp. Virgil E. Minch
- FLAHARTY, FRANK JAMES r. FW a. 34 c. w occ. switchman b. Plymouth, Ind. f. John Flagarty m. Mary E. Ryan no.m. 1 d. Oct. 22, 1929 p. FW by Wm. J. Ehrman sp. Mildred Ehrman
- FLAIG, GEORGE H. r. FW a. 21 c. w occ. laborer b. Coesse, Ind. f. Albert Flaigg - m. Lulu Welshiner - n.m. 1 - d. Mar. 8, 1930 p. FW - by H. F. Milinaw? - sp. Evelyn Reiter
- FLANNERY, KATHRYN r. FW a. 27 c. w b. Greensburg, Pa. f. John V. Flannery m. Catherine Flynn no.m. 1 d. Oct. 22, 1929 p. FW by T. M. Conroy sp. Eugene Edw. Wilkenson
- FLAUGH, ELMER H. r. Allento, Ind. a. 24 c. w occ. dairyman b. Allen Co., Ind. f. Henry Flaugh m. Leah McCoy no.m. 1 d. June 22, 1929 p. by E. L. Wagner sp. Dorothy Hagan





Esther in GARRett 1987









Resident of the Month



Esther Fitch

Esther Fitch, a long-time Garrett resident, is our Resident of the Month. This lovely lady is a pleasure to visit with. Esther's best known talent is quilting. She has made numerous quilts for family and friends over the years. At Miller's, Esther enjoys bingo, van rides and most of the activities provided for the residents on a daily basis.

Congratulations, Esther!



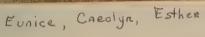
Oldest settler

Esther Fitch was honored with the distinction of being the oldest female settler at the DeKalb County Fair last week. She is 96-years-old. Esther has been living at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett where she remains active.

At Millers









At Esther's 217 S. Randolph, GARRETT





